

providing the support they need and wisely funded. We need equity in the education system, wherein resources are allocated based on need, not the current parity-based funding formula that fails to address the needs of each child.

Establishing a system that provides funding according to the needs of each child will get us closer to achieving equity. An equitable, need-based system will provide teachers with insight into the educational needs of each student in their classroom. Equitable funding will direct funds based on the needs of each student. Equitable funding will provide the resources to ensure each student will achieve individual success.

I have re-introduced the Educational Opportunity and Equity Commission Act, H.R. 1758, to begin the process of overhauling the country's education system and to finally address the disparities among America's schools. This legislation creates a national commission charged with gathering public opinions and insights about how government can improve education and eliminate disparities in the education system. Importantly, the Commission's composition would change the nature of the debate because it will be comprised of parents, teachers and experts on equity, civil rights, education policy, school finance, economics, and taxation. All users and beneficiaries of America's education system will work together from the ground up to develop a school reform road map.

As we mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, we celebrate the advances we have made and re-affirm our commitment to provide a world-class education to each American child. We must ensure sufficient funding to provide a 21st century education to every child based on the child's individual needs, not categorical averages. I hope you will join me in challenging our leaders to fulfill on their obligation to advance the learning of every child.

HONORING ALAN CARTER

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alan Carter upon his retirement from the City of Modesto Police Department. Mr. Carter will be honored at his retirement party on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the Elks Lodge in Modesto, California.

Alan Carter's first assignment was as a patrol officer for the City of South San Francisco Police Department in 1978. He was there until 1983 when he was transferred to the City of Modesto Police Department. He has been with the Modesto Police Department ever since.

Over the past twenty-five years Sergeant Carter has held many positions. He began in Modesto as a patrol officer, then he was became a K-9 handler, a Heroin Impact Team Member and a Field Training Officer. In 1987, he became a detective. As a detective he worked various investigations including; Vice-Narcotics, background, internal affairs, hate crimes, officer involved shootings, complex economic crime, dignitary protection details and drug asset forfeiture cases. During his dignitary protection service he assisted the

Secret Service and the California Governor's Office. Sergeant Carter served as the Modesto Police Department's court qualified drug expert from 1987 through 1994, where he testified in a large number of possession and possession for sale and sale of drug cases.

In 1995, Sergeant Carter reached the rank of Sergeant and was assigned as a Patrol Sergeant, Operations Division. For the past fourteen years he has worked on Adult Related Establishment Investigations and assisted in clearing out adult businesses in Modesto. He has testified before the California State Assembly regarding Municipalities controlling these sorts of businesses. For a number of years Sergeant Carter served as a Detective Sergeant; working with Investigative Services Division of Crimes Against Persons and Special Investigations Detail. During this time he supervised fifty-three homicide cases and fifteen officer involved shooting investigations. He served as the S.I.D. Supervisor where he oversaw investigations that involved hate crimes, vice investigations, drug asset forfeiture, arson, bomb threats, dignitary protection identity theft and other special fraud investigations. He served as the Assistant Public Information Officer and a Tactical Flight Officer.

From 2005 through 2007, Sergeant Carter was assigned as the Academy Coordinator at the Ray Simon Regional Criminal Justice Training Center. His final position has been Unit Supervisor for the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force; he has investigated computer crimes and forensics, including Hi-Tech, identity theft and Internet Crimes Against Children. In addition to all of the work that he has performed for the police department, Sergeant Carter has been working with the Honor and Color Guard since 1985. He has lead a team of twelve officers for police officer funerals, memorials and city functions.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Sergeant Alan Carter upon his retirement from the City of Modesto Police Department. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Sergeant Carter many years of continued success.

MEDAL OF HONOR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I rise before you today in order to show my support for H.R. 1209, "Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act of 2009." The coins minted as a result of this legislation will be in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

In these times of war and economic uncertainty I think it is important to honor those who

served America to their greatest capacity. Moreover, recognition of this great honor will foster patriotism and inspire and encourage the youth of America to become worthy citizens.

Only those who performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his or her comrades and must have involved risk of life can receive a Medal of Honor. Incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit. This award is so prestigious that fewer than 3,500 Medals of Honor have been awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces.

The Medal of Honor Commemorative Coin Act of 2009 as passed would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$5 gold coins and \$1 silver coins emblematic of the design selected by the Secretary, after consultation with the Boards of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, in honor of the distinguished service of the American military men and women who have been Medal of Honor recipients.

The design for the coins minted under this Act will contain motifs that represent the 3 Medal of Honor designs (Army, Navy, and Air Force) and specifically honor the Medal of Honor recipients of both today and yesterday, such designs that are consistent with the traditions and heritage of the United States Armed Services, the mission and goals of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and the mission and goals of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

The coins will only be available for a limited time. The period for coin issuance will be for the calendar year 2011. The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, however coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

The treasury will only be producing no more than 100,000 \$5 gold coins and no more than 500,000 \$1 coins. I think it is wonderful that the surcharges imposed for the purchase of these coins will be distributed to the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation to help finance educational, scholarship, and outreach programs of the Foundation.

SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATING FEDERAL BUILDING AFTER RONALD H. BROWN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation and excitement that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works has passed my bill, H.R. 837, which would designate a new State Department building in New York City as the Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building in honor of the late Commerce Secretary. The 26-story building, located at 799 United Nations Plaza, across the street from the United Nations (U.N.) General Assembly, will house the United States Delegation to the U.N., which carries out the